

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application, which is a divisional application. This preliminary amendment cancels claims 1-22, which are directed to a Microendodontics Ultrasonic Surgical Dental Tool, which now is the subject of the parent application. Claims 23-27 remain in this application. This invention is directed to an Ultrasonic Dental Tool having a Quick Change Connector, and the title of the Application has been amended to reflect this.

This application is a divisional application of application no. 10/067,155 filed February 4, 2002, which is a continuation of application no. 09/326,046 filed June 4, 1999, which was abandoned. An Office Action dated September 19, 1990 was issued in application no. 09/326,046. This preliminary amendment addresses the rejections to the pending claims raised by the Examiner in that Office Action. Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite, and the Examiner suggested that the preamble of the claim should be amended to include the ultrasonic tool, since it appears that (the claim) is intended to be in combination form. The Examiner stated that claims 23-27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

By this response, claim 23 has been amended substantially as suggested by the Examiner. The claim is intended to be in combination form, and the ultrasonic tool has been added as an element to the claim.

Applicant requests entry of the above amendment and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-27. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

CONCLUSION

The present amendment is believed to overcome the rejections presented in the Office Action dated September 19, 2000. Pending claims 23-27 are believed to be allowable and applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

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